

*St Mary's  
& St Luke's  
Wistaston & Willaston*

**Weekly Information Sheet  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Trinity Sunday**



*Holy Communion is distributed as follows: to receive a wafer dipped in the wine, hold out two hands, or you can receive a wafer only, or a wafer and the Chalice, by holding out one hand. Hands by your side for a blessing. Please let a Sidesperson know if you need to have **communion brought to you in the pew.***

**Gluten Free** wafers are available at Communion.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**  
**9am at St Luke`s – Holy Communion**  
**10.40am at St Mary`s – All Age Worship**  
*Romans 8.12-17 & John 3.1-17*

**Wednesday - 10am Holy Communion at St Mary`s  
followed by Refreshments**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – First Sunday after Trinity**

**No service today at St Luke`s**

**As we join together to welcome Bishop Sam to St Mary`s**

**10.40am at St Mary`s – Holy Communion**

*2 Corinthians 4.5-12 & Mark 2.23-3.6*



There is a Loop System installed in both of our churches.

At St Mary`s we have an accessible toilet available in the Choir Vestry (the door opposite where you came in) with baby changing facilities.

At St Luke`s there is an accessible toilet available via the church porch.

There is a Defibrillator at both churches – see the signs in the porch for the location

To help us to cut down on paper use and printing why not download Service Orders using the QR code or at [bit.ly/serviceorders](http://bit.ly/serviceorders)

This Weekly Sheet can be viewed online at [stmaryswistaston.blog](http://stmaryswistaston.blog)

**Online Worship**

The 10:40am service is streamed from St Mary`s each Sunday

[YouTube.com/StMarysWistaston1](https://www.youtube.com/StMarysWistaston1) & Facebook: [bit.ly/facebookstmarys](http://bit.ly/facebookstmarys)

You can also join in by phone: just before 10:40am Call: 0203 051 2874

Meeting ID: 838 7878 9259 Participant ID (if asked): # Passcode: 567119

Morning Prayer on Zoom [bit.ly/930mp](http://bit.ly/930mp)

9:30am Tuesday & Thursday this week

## First Reading: Romans 8.12-17

### A reading from the Book of Acts

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation – but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘*Abba* Father.’ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your  
servants grace, by the confession  
of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of  
the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the  
divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore  
be defended from all adversities;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### **Post Communion**

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself  
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the  
perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all  
your ways and evermore  
rejoice in  
your eternal glory, who are  
three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## **Gospel Reading: John 3.1-17**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.' Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.'

'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, "You must be born again." The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'

'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

## News & Information

**Next Saturday 1st June at 9.30am:** Join us for a Spring Clean at St Mary's church and the Choir Vestry in preparation for the Bishop's visit on the Sunday. We'll do the jobs which need doing, dependent on how many turn up to help! We will provide refreshments. Thanks in advance.

**Next Sunday, 2 June, Bishop Sam, the Bishop of Stockport,** will be joining us at St Mary's at 10:40am. During his visit he will be receiving Rachael Rivers into the Communion of the Church of England. This is required before she is licensed as a Reader at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 12 October. Do come and meet Bishop Sam and support Rachael. **There will not be a service at St Luke's on 2 June.**

**Candles: There are a number of used candles on the bier in the choir vestry.** Please help yourself to any, before they are disposed of. Thanks.

**The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell,** is speaking at St Mary's Nantwich on Saturday 22 June at 7:15pm (doors open at 6:30pm). This is a free event and tickets are available at [bit.ly/archbishopofyork](http://bit.ly/archbishopofyork) or Nantwich's Parish Office: 01270 625268 [office@stmarysnantwich.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysnantwich.org.uk)

**Christian Aid Week - Thank You** to all who delivered, collected and, of course, gave to Christian Aid week this year. The total so far is an incredible £540.00.

If you didn't get a chance to give and would like to you can give securely online via our e-envelope: [bit.ly/caw2024stmarys](http://bit.ly/caw2024stmarys)

**Ladies Afternoon Group: We still have spaces for our trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on July 11th.** MEN do not be put off, this trip although it is Ladies Afternoon Group is open to all!! Please see Pam or myself if you would like to join us. Looking forward to seeing you later on this month. Frances.

**Men's Group - 7.30pm Friday 7 June.** Please join us at the Leopard [London Road, Nantwich] for beer [non-alcoholic options are available] afterwards we will go for an Indian or Thai meal [or we could eat in the Leopard]. Open to all men over 18. Feel free to bring male family & friends. No need to RSVP – see you there! Howard

**Our incoming Rose Queen, Lucia,** is asking for unwanted teddies, they can be dropped into church or the office. She is raising money for Cancer Research.

**The St Mary's June & July Rotas are in the porch.** If you would like to join the Rota, but are not sure about it, please speak to Rachael or Mike.

**St Mary's Cleaning Rota** is in the porch of the church.

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